

Information Notice #1

**within the framework of the European open tender procedure for
a non-contact optical profiler system**

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1. Introduction

This Information Notice forms part of the European open Tender procedure for a non-contact optical profiler system, published on [date] under TNO reference number WS2879146446.

This Information Notice provides a record of the questions submitted by the Tenderers up to and including [date] and the answers provided by TNO.

The Information Notice serves to provide any additions/changes to the Tender Documents and to communicate announcements from TNO.

If Tenderers have asked questions of similar nature, all such questions have nevertheless been included in this Information Notice and answered separately. This may result in repetition of information.

Where a company name was mentioned in a question, it has been replaced by another word or term to anonymize the questions.

TNO advises you to read the entire Information Notice.

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1. Questions and Answers

Question No.	Chapter No. / Subject (drop-down menu)	Question	TNO Answer
1.	6.1 - Award Criterion: Best Value for Money (BVM)	<p>Can you tell us what is maximum budget we shall not over exceed when make the bid please?</p> <p>Requirements and preference are quite intense and practically can be realized in low budget items or by offering high budget items, especially if we consider software items and software packages price go up quick. Here we have possibility to make package at special lower price.</p> <p>It will be important to know the max budget equipment and for services we shall not exceed, as based on another term 2.2.22 - price negotiations are not applicable after tender is submitted. TNO better here that number prior the bid. Unless you confirm 2.2.22 is not applicable.</p>	<p>TNO will not disclose a maximum budget. We kindly request that you base your proposal on your most competitive and technically compliant offer, taking into account the requirements as described.</p>
2.	L2.2.22 - Statement of prices and expenses	<p>Statement of prices and expenses. Please confirm or decline that there will be a possibility to amend the bid.</p>	<p>No, this is not permitted. Allowing amendments would constitute a conditional bid, and in accordance with the procurement principles, TNO would be obliged to disqualify your submission.</p>
3.	8.2 - Programme of Preferences	<p>R-1000-020 it said, The non-contact optical profiler system shall support plano sample measurements with an aperture diameter of at least 300 mm.</p> <p>Question: the system we are going to offer supports 300mm samples , so user may install such.</p>	<p>Indeed, we are fine with a bare stage top with mounting holes. We will provide a sample chuck or sample mount. If the table can travel a minimum of 300mmx300mm this complies.</p>
4.	8.2 - Programme of Preferences	<p>We've got question over samples fixation to the stage of surface profilometer.</p> <p>We see in requirements to sample table " Is large enough for stable placement of workpieces.</p>	<p>We are fine with an bare stage top with mounting holes. We will provide a sample chuck or sample mount.</p>

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		<p>- Includes threaded holes for mounting. Can traverse forward for easy loading of heavy workpieces.”</p> <p>Does it mean you are fine with a bare stage top with mounting holes and you will provide a sample chuck? Or we shall include a proper vacuum chuck for 6-8-12 inch wafers? - that brings extra costs to the total, we just want to make sure that if we include our vacuum chuck for the offering our profilometer is required and will be valued .</p>	
5.	8.2 - Programme of Preferences	For P-8000-050 to get <200nm it will be required 115x objective and proper software, that comes at extra costs. Shall this option to be included in the main offer or shown optionally with best price we may offer if TNO decide to include that with purchase order?	<p>This is at the discretion of you as the Tenderer. As stated in Annex A03, if your preference results in additional costs for TNO beyond the TP price, you are required to indicate these costs here (line numbers 4 till 30).</p> <p>If the preference does not result in any additional costs for TNO, you should enter “0” (zero).</p> <p>Please note that this preference is considered a nice-to-have option for TNO and is ideally included within the TP offer.</p>
6.	8.2 - Programme of Preferences	R-6000-010 acceptance does not match acceptance of WLI.	<p>Correct, this was a typographical error. R-6000-010 should be read as follows:</p> <p>Site Acceptance Test (SAT)</p> <p>The SAT contains the following checkpoints:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The non-contact optical profiler system will be checked for damages; - The proper functioning of the equipment will be checked <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Mechanical functions, o Electrical safety- and switching functions, o User interface(s), including software.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All requirements and possible additional preferences will be checked; - The presence and quality of the documentation will be checked. <p>A full user acceptance test on-site of the contracted tenderer must be performed by the Tenderer in cooperation with TNO.</p> <p>Following approved user acceptance test on-site, the non-contact optical profiler system shall be at the unrestricted disposal of TNO for one month. If the non-contact optical profiler system works according to TNO's functional and technical specifications, without faults and/or malfunctions during operational mode, the test period is considered successfully concluded by TNO. If the non-contact optical profiler system is not operating in this period according TNO's functional and technical specifications, the faults and/or malfunctions will be remedied and another test period of one month must successfully be concluded and approved by TNO, up to a maximum of three test periods of one month each.</p> <p>The details of the site acceptance test shall be agreed between the user and the supplier. Tenderer must submit a draft test protocol for the site acceptance test with its Tender.</p> <p>In the event that the deliverables fail to meet the user Acceptance Criteria for the SAT, the Supplier must set out such failures in a written statement, to be signed by both parties. The supplier must then provide TNO with a corrective action plan for such failures within fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of signing of such statement. The supplier must remedy these deficiencies at no additional cost within the timeframe set out in</p>

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			the corrective action plan, but not exceeding 3 months. A new acceptance test will then take place.
7.	8.2 - Programme of Preferences	R-6000-020 looks like not applicable here as there is no cryostat required for WLI.	The reference to a “cryostat” was a typographical error. Where it currently says “cryostat,” it should have stated “non-contact optical profiler system.”